

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 and 14-16 are pending. By this Amendment, independent claims 1, 9 and 14 are amended to even more clearly distinguish over the applied references. Support for the features added to the independent claims can be found in the original specification at, for example, paragraphs [0311] and [0349] and in Fig. 43. Thus, no new matter is added by the above amendments.

I. January 14, 2003 Information Disclosure Statement

The Examiner is requested to consider the January 14, 2003 Information Disclosure Statement. As requested by the Examiner in the November 1, 2005 Office Action, Applicants re-submitted the January 14, 2003 Information Disclosure Statement with Applicants' Amendment filed on March 31, 2006. The January 14, 2003 Information Disclosure Statement is present in the PTO image file wrapper, identified as a March 31, 2006 Information Disclosure Statement (because it was re-submitted on March 31, 2006 as mentioned above). The Examiner is requested to return an initialed PTO-1449 with the next Patent Office communication.

II. All Pending Claims Are Patentable

Claims 1-11, 15 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,721,001 (Berstis) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,301,106 (Helot et al.), and further in view of US2003/0011705 (Nakatsu et al.). In addition, claim 14 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Berstis and Helot et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,947,075 (Niikawa), and further in view of Nakatsu et al. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

The references, even when combined, do not disclose or suggest all features of independent claims 1, 9 and 14. Accordingly, all pending claims are patentable over the applied references.

Independent claims 1 and 9 recite that the universal base includes an indicator that indicates a print state of the printing performed by the printer that is built into the universal base. Independent claim 14 similarly recites that the digital image storage includes an indicator that indicates a print state of the printing performed by the printer that is built into the digital image storage. Neither Berstis, Helot et al. nor Niikawa discloses a printer. Although the Office Action relies upon newly-cited Nakatsu et al. for disclosing a printer to which a video camera can be detachably mounted, Nakatsu et al. does not disclose the claimed universal base or digital image storage having a built-in printer and including an indicator that indicates a print state of the printing performed by that printer. As described in paragraph [0032] of Nakatsu et al., a user can use the liquid-crystal display 7 of the video camera 6 to select an image that is to be printed by the printer. However, there is no indicator on the printer that indicates a print state of the printing performed by the printer.

Because the references do not disclose or suggest all features of independent claims 1, 9 and 14, all pending claims are patentable over the applied references. Withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

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